

EXTRA TRACTOR POWER
MEANS DEEP CULTIVATION

Since tractor cultivators have come into use in Maryland, I have observed an increased acreage of corn and other crops suffering from cultivation that is too deep, says Dr. W. B. Kemp, head of the agronomy department at the University of Maryland. Apparently, he states the available power in the tractor is so much greater than is required that the farmer has unintentionally increased the depth of cultivation.

Mr. Kemp points out that no one depth of cultivation is best for all soils and conditions, and that the depth and closeness to the plants which will give best results vary with the soil type, moisture supply and fertilizer placement. For instance, he says heavy soils under certain conditions may pack so tightly as to require early cultivation for aeration. As an illustration of the effect which may result from pruning the roots of corn, he cites a test made in Illinois over a four year period. Where the roots were pruned to a depth of four inches at a distance of six inches from the hill and the corn was given ordinary shallow cultivation, the yield per acre was 68.2 bushels. Corn treated in the same manner except that the roots were not pruned yielded 84.1 bushels per acre.

A comparison of depth of cultivation on corn yield made at four locations in Missouri over a period of three years, Dr. Kemp states, resulted in an average yield per acre of 30.1 bushels for corn that was cultivated shallow four times and 23.6 bushels for corn cultivated deep the same number of times.



RITA HAYWORTH

BLENDED GREENS MAKE
APPETIZING SPRING DISHES

Blends of spring greens offer a change of flavor in the diet at a time when it is most welcome, says Miss Margraet McPheeters, specialist for the University of Maryland extension service. She says that any greens of about the same tenderness which combine well in flavor can be mixed, although especially good combinations are made with beets and spinach, and corn salad and mustard greens. Spinach is an exceptionally good mixer with any of the greens, although with the strong flavored ones it may be necessary to use from 2 to 5 times as much spinach.

Miss McPheeters says that it is not especially important which of the many leafy green vegetables the homemaker serves

her family as long as she serves some kind the year around. Certain varieties supply the same minerals and vitamins more economically than others and at this season of the year wild greens can be used to advantage. In this connection, she points out that home gardens can be planted to supply some form of greens until the first frost. Beet tops, chard, spinach, mustard, kale, collards, and turnip tops are all on the list of leafy greens.

Watercress, endive, lettuce, and cabbage are old and respected members of the salad family. It may be a new idea to some to use tender, mild-flavored spinach leaves, chopped and uncooked, in salads.

The cooking and technique recommended for all greens is "cook as quickly as possible, using little or no water. Use the

cooking water if that is possible and after the water starts to boil, leave the pan uncovered." Greens should be salted from the beginning of cooking.

He Started Something

Madame Ritz, widow of the hotel man who made his name famous around the world, told me how one thing changed her husband's life. He was born in Switzerland, a peasant, and his first years were spent herding cows and sheep in the Swiss Alps. He left the hamlet where he was born, went to a hotel in Rigi, in the high Alps, and got a job as waiter.

Rigi wasn't even a town, merely a hotel where people came for mountain climbing and to watch the dawn march up out of the mountains. A beautiful spot. Sometime the place would be vacant; then suddenly

a party of mountain climbers would arrive and the hotel would be filled with Saratoga trunks from New York, calfskin bags from Piccadilly Circus in London, and gay handboxes from Vuitton's in Paris.

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